



## Rich Harwood Short Biography

President and Founder of The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation

Rich Harwood, President and Founder of The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, has devoted his career to revitalizing the nation's hardest-hit communities, transforming the world's largest organizations and reconnecting institutions like newsrooms and schools to society.

Over the past 30 years, Rich has developed a new philosophy and practice of how communities can solve shared problems, create a culture of shared responsibility, and deepen civic faith. The Harwood practice of Turning Outward has spread to all 50 U.S. States and is being used in 40 countries.

His experience working on the ground to build capacity and coalitions for change gives him a unique, powerful insight on bridging divides and creating resilient communities. In Newtown, CT, after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Rich led the process for the community to collectively decide the fate of the school building.

Rich is embarking on a two-year, nationwide tour to spread a vision for what it takes to create communities, lives, and an America that reflects the best in us and the best of us. In his newest book, *Stepping Forward* - an Amazon bestseller - Rich provides a new and inspiring footprint to rediscover what we share in common and build upon it.

Rich is an inspiring, sought after speaker, who regularly keynotes major conferences and events. He has written five books, scores of articles and numerous groundbreaking reports. He's also written numerous studies and articles and has appeared on national media including NPR, CNN's Inside Politics, PBS NewsHour and C-SPAN.